

# Montana Carl D. Perkins Policy and Procedures Manual

**Subject:** Size, Scope & Quality to be Effective  
**Policy:** Accountability  
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The Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE) and the Office of Public Instruction (OPI) teams will assure that all grantees receiving local grant dollars must adhere to the Perkins law requirement of meeting the requirements of "size, scope & quality to be effective". OCHE and OPI define these criteria as follows.

OPI Size, Scope & Quality to be Effective Criteria:

- **Size:** Secondary Eligible Recipients must offer a minimum of programs\* based upon student enrollment:
  - "Large Districts" – AA Classification – 5 CTE Programs
  - "Medium Districts" – A/B Classification – 3 CTE Programs
  - "Small Districts" – C Classification – 1 Program

\*A CTE Program must be a program approved by the State of Montana in accordance with the State CTE Requirements and Guidelines.
- **Scope:**
  - Indications of adequate scope in a Perkins funded CTE program may include providing for secondary students opportunities for Dual Credit, Articulation Credits, On-Line CTE Courses, or National Certification opportunities.
  - Secondary Perkins funded programs must be aligned with business and industry as validated by a local business advisory committee.
- **Quality:** All secondary Perkins funded programs must be approved by the Office of Public Instruction in accordance with the Montana CTE Requirements and Guidelines Publication.

OCHE Size, Scope & Quality to be Effective Criteria:

- **Size:** Local Application recipients must meet the minimum allocation requirements identified in the Perkins Law.
- **Scope:**
  - For grants between \$50,000-\$99,999 a requirement of a minimum of 1 program of study with a minimum of 2 high schools is required to receive funding.
  - For grants between \$100,000-\$199,999 a requirement of a minimum of 2 programs of study with a minimum of 3 high schools per program (or a

- total of 6 high schools) is required to receive funding.
- For grants over \$200,000 a requirement of a minimum of 3 programs of study with a minimum of 9 high schools per program (or a total of 9 high schools) is required to receive funding.
- **Quality:** Grantees not meeting the agreed upon indicator goals for 3 years in a row for the same indicator will not be eligible for Perkins local application funds.

These criteria will be published in the application or renewal application, on the allocation notice and will be verified by the grantee through the assurances documents.